will be driven away. I was suprised to hear the Hon'ble Member for supplies in the Strain in which he replied to the debate. When it suits his purpose, he will quote an Hon'ble Member on this side. Why not quote the Hon'ble Member for Planters, who contributed to the debate? And the suggestion he gave the Government, the Government are not prepared to act upon. Will you act upon his suggestion with regard to intensive and extensive cultivation? Why was it not referred to in your speech? Then what about subsidy to the cultivators of paddy. You put up an opposition which is not worth the paper on which it is *typed*. The Government has put up the defence. The representatives of the people have stated the people's case. Who is to decide the case? Place the Governments' case and the peoples' case before an impartial tribunal. Let a Judgement be written. The Judgment, I am aure, will be cent percent in our favour. If it is placed before an *impartial tribunal*, it can only be so. You will not even insure peoples' money, even where it stands at some crores.

Mr. President: Will the Hon'ble Member kindly conclude as soon as possible? I would just like to inform the Hon'ble Member that it is most exceptional for any Government to insure its stock. Government as a rule do business on a certain large scale that they carry on their own insurance. In exceptional cases it may be desirable to insure property. The desirability of insuring these stocks has been looked into and will be looked into again. I take it the Hon'ble Member has finished and I think he does not wish any vote to be taken on this.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkanchieri):* I have stated the peoples' case, Sir, and I am thankful to the responsible statement just enumated from the Diwan President. As to concluding my remarks, I could have done as much earlier, because the Government defence is not feeble but also not to the points raised by me and unanimously supported by every section of the non-official benches. I do not want to have a vote taken because my objects as stated in my opening remarks, starting the debate, is not to administer a defeat to the Government though that is the easiest to do. I wish, Sir, that the Diwan of Cochin be pleased to do on a careful study of the whole debate. I thank the House for the unanimous support that they extended to my suggestion and you, Sir, for your kind indulgence. I am done.

Motion of dissatisfaction regarding the bifurcation of the Panchayat and Public Works Departments

Mr. President: Before the discussion on this motion starts I should like to express my view that in a grave matter of this sort where an attempt is made to express dissatisfaction at certain action taken by the Hon'ble Minister, it is most desirable that before the House adjourns, a decision should be taken.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The time is so short. There are only 75 minutes at our disposal.

Mr. President: That is why I mention the matter now, so that the Hon'ble Mover and any other Hon'ble Member who wishes to speak may adapt their speeches to the time available.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I thought that this would become an important issue and so I requested you, Sir, to give me precedence over Mr. Ezhuthassan's motion. You were not good enough to give that.

M. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* You cannot criticise the Chair.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I abide by the ruling of the Chair. Mr. Ezhuthassan practically monopolised the whole time of the House in this Session.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I question that. The facts show otherwise.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May be. With 75 minutes available before us, it won't be possible to discuss the motion. I request the Hon'ble President to be pleased to give my motion precedence during the next meeting.

Mr. President: No, Sir. Having brought a motion of this sort, it must be argued out now. If the House is prepared to sit late this evening, I am prepared to sit.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I have got other engagements this evening, and so I can't sit late. Then I will not be moving the motion. I request that I may be allowed not to move the motion.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member should withdraw it or move it. If the Hon'ble Member does not move it now, he must be understood to have withdrawn it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I have not already moved it. If the motion is moved, of course, it must be withdrawn. I am not going to move it.

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Mr. President: Does the Hon'ble Member decline to move his motion?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Yes.

Mr. President: Then the Hon'ble Member declines to move his motion. That will appear in the proceedings.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* Probably if my motion is moved now the discussion may not be over this evening.

Mr. President: I do not regard this as a matter of such urgency that it is necessary to take a decision this evening.

Non-official Resolutions

1. Appointment of a Committee to draw up a Scheme for constitutional reforms

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* Sir, I beg to move that *this Council recommends to the Government to appoint a Committee to draw up a scheme for constitutional reforms.*

Motions have been passed over and over again in this House urging the establishment of Responsible Government. Government have expressed themselves several times in favour of a policy of granting more and more power to the people from time to time. In pursuance of such a policy this House was established about two decades ago and its powers were widened from time to time. The present constitution has been granted to the people about seven years ago by His Highness the then Maharaja. This form of Government known as diarchy had not a very good reputation after its working in British India. Nevertheless the people of the State accepted it as the first step in the direction of full responsible Government.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* We have not accepted it.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* The very fact that the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur is here in this House shows that he has accepted it.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Not the Constitution Act.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* Anyhow the Declaration containing the announcement of the reforms and the numerous speeches made by the then Diwan inspired the people with very great hopes about the future of the constitution. Nevertheless though 7 years are ever since then, we remain almost where we started. This is only a transitional form of Government and such a form of Government cannot be worked for long satisfactorily. Therefore, it is necessary that we should progress further from where we stand. I may be questioned why it is that I want a committee to be appointed before we progress further. It may be said that the end of our political evolution is the attainment of full responsible Government then, the proper thing for this Council to do is to urge upon the government to grant immediately full responsible Government or at least a substantial instalment of it. But, to my mind it appears that, having worked the constitution for seven years, it would be an act of prudence to review its working and see whether any modification is necessary before we advance any further. If it is considered that there are defects in the present constitution or that it is not completely suited to the conditions available here, then it is necessary for us to make suitable alterations. It is with that aim in view that I urge that a committee should be appointed to review the working of the constitution for the past seven years and prepare a scheme for further progress. If the committee is of the view that we have started along the proper road, we can go along the road we have taken. If the committee thinks that some alterations or modifications are necessary, we can make them and we can progress along the new line checked out by the committee.

Sir, the form of Responsible Government prevailing in Great Britain is not the only form of democracy. This form of democracy has been tried in the British Indian Provinces. Since it has been tried there, there has been criticism coming from some eminent political thinkers that the parliamentary form of Responsible Government is not suited to Indian conditions.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Who said that?

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* In several Provinces in India they find it difficult to have a stable Ministry. In some Provinces there have been complaints that the majority community was oppressing the minority community. In Provinces where the Hindus were in majority the Muslims were complaining that they were oppressed and in the Provinces where

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